

Continental Airlines



November 30, 2005

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
8th Floor
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

On December 15, 2004, the FCC announced its decision to auction new licenses for the 800 MHz spectrum dedicated to commercial air-ground service. The Commission's action will promote the development of high-quality, highly reliable, broadband services to the air transport and general aviation industries as well as the traveling public.

Continental Airlines is pleased with the Commission's decision to reconfigure the air-ground spectrum and establish rules that will allow consumers to enjoy the many benefits afforded by broadband technology regardless of whether they are on the ground or in the air. The Commission's flexible, pro-competitive rules will provide significant benefits to our customers while enabling us to improve our own operational efficiency as well.

The next step, both critical and necessary, is for the FCC to finalize its auction rules and move quickly to a competitive auction. It's been nearly twelve months since the Commission's decision to auction the spectrum, yet final rules have not been adopted and an official date for the auction has not been set. While we wait for these steps to be taken, neither the flying public, nor Continental Airlines are able to take advantage of these important new services. We urge you to resolve any outstanding issues quickly and work towards conducting the auction for air-ground spectrum as soon as practicable.

Please contact me with any questions or comments. I thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James E. Compton".

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